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HIGHLAND PARK WINS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

(LANSING) – State Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) is pleased to announce the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) recently selected the City of Highland Park to participate in a downtown development program.

Called the Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns, the program is co-sponsored by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and the Michigan Municipal League (MML). The grant is designed to assist downtown leaders with formulating a comprehensive action plan to address economic development challenges and to encourage growth.

“Highland Park is working toward realizing its potential of becoming a substantial contributor to the economic recovery of Michigan,” Sen. Scott said. “The city’s success is made possible by the cooperation of local and state officials.”

The MEDC selected a total of 11 cities to participate in the program. Communities that will share the \$200,000 grant include Charlotte, Fremont, Highland Park, Houghton, Howard City, Imlay City, Ionia, Linden, Menominee, Saline and Wayland.

Each community will work with MEDC and the national downtown consulting firm, HyettPalma, to develop an economic action plan. The process includes defining a long-term economic development vision, conducting a market analysis and formulating a definitive course of action.

Don Jakeway, MEDC’s president and chief executive officer, connected viable cities to a strong state: “Supporting innovative downtown development is an essential component of our strategy for creating new jobs throughout Michigan,” he said.

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Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.